

**Rob Wescott**

Political Economy Speaker Series

Robert F. Wescott

**"Upgrading America's Security: The
Economic Policy Challenges"**

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As the former Special Assistant to the President for International Economics at the National Economic Council (NEC) at the White House, Robert F. Wescott helped develop policies on a wide range of international economic and financial issues. Prior to joining the NEC in early 1999, he was Deputy Division Chief at the International Monetary Fund where he worked on the World Economic Outlook, the Fund's semi-annual review of world economic prospects and policy challenges and the economic development of countries in transition. His research has included fiscal policy issues, exchange rate determinants, inflation targeting, and economic development issues.

Wescott is former Chief Economist at the Council of Economic Advisers, where he developed the Clinton Administration's macroeconomic forecasts and performed policy analysis. Wescott was Senior Vice President and Chief U.S. Economist at Wharton Econometric Forecasting Associates (WEFA Group) a private forecasting and consulting firm in Philadelphia, where he oversaw forecasting, analysis, consulting, and research activities. In 1989-90, he helped the University of Pennsylvania establish the International Center for the Study of East Asia Development (ICSEAD) in Kitakyushu, Japan, a research institute that does economic analysis of East Asia. Wescott holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania, 1983.

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